KENTUCKY CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION OF EPIDEMIOLOGY DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH HIV/AIDS BRANCH





COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FRANKFORT 40621-0001

PROVIDER APPLICATION FOR HIV/AIDS COURSE APPROVAL

Carefully read the instructions below and on the next page.

Complete the application pages and return them with your entire course to the address listed in this packet. The initial review process takes a minimum of twenty working days. Applications and courses must be received at least twenty working days prior to the date of the presentation. Courses submitted less than twenty working days may fail to be approved in time. Courses that are incomplete or with insufficient information will be automatically rejected; and, if resubmitted by the provider, can take another 20 working days to finalize the review process. If you have any questions about this application, call Greg Lee at (502) 564-6539, extension 3555, or e-mail at greg.lee@ky.gov

All courses must include the following items:

- 1. The complete lesson plans and lecture notes identifying the course content. Photocopies of slides & overheads will be accepted, however, we must also have the detailed narrative, which goes with each slide or overhead. Outlines are not accepted unless extremely detailed. Providers using videos within their lecture course, must include the video title, production date, and submit a written summary of the content of the video.
- 2. Any handouts given to participants.
- 3. **Post-test** (Home study and online courses)
- 4. **Curriculum vita** for instructors that shows their qualifications for teaching an HIV/AIDS course. (No more than **ten**-pages per instructor.)
- 5. Current Terminology, e.g.

"AIDS" or "HIV disease"	not	"GRID" or "ARC"
"Injecting drug use (IDU)"	not	"IV drug use"
"Men having sex with men (MSM)"	not	"Homosexual"
"Safer sex"	not	"Safe Sex"

Keep a copy of your course; it will not be returned!



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Comments:

Is this course targeted to a specific profession(s)? Yes* No
If No , the course will be designated as suitable for ALL professions listed below.
If Yes , please check the profession(s) listed below to which this course is limited:
Acupuncturists (2-hour requirement)
Athletic Trainers (2-hour requirement)
Chiropractors (2-hour requirement)
Dentists and Dental Hygienists (2-hour requirement)
Emergency Medical Technicians (2-hour requirement)
Nurses (2-hour requirement)
Optometrists (1-hour requirement)
Paramedics (2-hour requirement)
Pharmacists (1-hour requirement, CEU or ACPE)
Physical Therapists (2-hour requirement)
Physical Therapy Assistants (2-hour requirement)
Physicians (2-hour requirement, CEU or CME)
Physician Assistants (2-hour requirement)
Podiatrists (2-hour requirement)
Social Workers (2-hour requirement)
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* If you designate your course to target a particular profession(s), **only those professions you designate** will receive HIV/AIDS credit for completing your course. Content requirements are the same for all courses; however some providers choose to emphasize the special focus of their course by limiting its audience to the profession targeted.

Send your application and complete course to:

Greg Lee
HIV/AIDS Continuing Education Program Director
Department for Public Health
HIV/AIDS Branch - HS2E-C
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40621-0001

(502) 564-6539, ext. 3555 Fax (502) 564-9865 greg.lee@ky.gov

PROVIDER CHECKLIST FOR KENTUCKY HIV/AIDS COURSE APPROVAL

- The links provided below are only resources for drafting your course. Providing nothing but a hyperlink in your course does *not* fulfill content requirements.
- 2. Each of the content areas listed below *must* be included in each course.
- 3. All information submitted must be current and up-to-date.

Basic medical and epidemiological information about HIV and the diseases and conditions it can cause.		
Basic medical Information about HIV http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pubs/facts.htm;		
http://www.niaid.nih.gov/factsheets/howhiv.htm		
Current HIV/AIDS epidemiology (include trends relating to minorities)		
http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/epi/HIVAIDS/surveillance.htm & http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/stats/hasrlink.htm		
Identified Risk Behaviors (Men Having Sex with Men (MSM) - not Homosexual or Bisexual, Injecting Drug		
Use (IDU) - not Intravenous Drug Use, etc.) (http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/basic.htm#exposure)		
Opportunistic Diseases that define AIDS per the CDC 1993 definitions (Appendix B,		
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00018871.htm)		
Tests used to Diagnose HIV infection (Elisa, Western Blot, etc.)		
http://www.hivtest.org/subindex.cfm?FuseAction=faq		
NEW: CDC's Opt-Out Testing Recommendations http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5514a1.htm		

Metho	Methods of transmission and prevention of HIV and current recognized methods of medical treatment.		
	All methods of Transmission http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pubs/facts.htm		
	All methods of Prevention for each Method of Transmission (include use of latex & polyurethane condoms,		
	dental dams, not sharing needles, if needles are shared use bleach for cleaning needles and "works," etc.)		
	http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pubs/facts.htm,		
	instructions for male and female condoms: http://www.aidsinfonet.org/factsheet detail.php?fsnumber=153		
	& IDU harm reduction: http://www.cdc.gov/idu/facts/disinfection.pdf		
	Perinatal Transmission and Prevention (http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/contentfiles/Perinatal FS en.pdf)		
	Current Medical Treatment for HIV infection (identify the specific drugs used in HAART)		
	http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/drugs/ or http://www.aidsmeds.com/List.htm		

Management of HIV in the healthcare workplace and other working environments, consistent with OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standards.		
OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standards (body fluids, handling of sharps, not recapping needles, gloves,		
etc.) http://www.cdc.gov/mmwR/preview/mmwrhtml/00000039.htm &		
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=STANDARDS&p_id=10051 HIV Post exposure Prophylaxis (include all drugs used to treat)		
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5011.pdf)		

Legal issues surrounding HIV infection.		
Cor	nsent to test http://162.114.4.13/KRS/214-00/625.pdf	
Cor	Confidentiality issues http://www.lrc.ky.gov/KRS/214-00/625.pdf	
KY	HIV/AIDS Reporting requirements 902 KAR 2:020 (7): http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/902/002/020.htm (§7)	
Am	nericans with Disabilities Act http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/pubs/hivqanda.txt	

Appropriate attitudes & behaviors toward those persons infected with HIV, to include but not limited to:		
Cultural se	Cultural sensitivity of the caregiver toward the HIV infected person	
http://hab.h	rsa.gov/publications/stigma/stigma and access to care.htm	
How a pers	How a person became infected is not the issue for the caregiver	
http://www.	http://www.lambdalegal.org/our-work/publications/general/2007-hiv-stigma-discrimination.html	
Awareness	Awareness of the caregivers' prejudices toward certain risk behavioral practices	
http://www.hateamongstus.net/		
Use the "G	Use the "Golden Rule" approach, ('Do unto others') toward the HIV infected person	

Comprehensive human services available to assist those with HIV infection, including but not limited to:		
	Services available through Kentucky's Ryan White & state funded services programs (use attached)	
Community-Based Organizations (use attached)		

902 KAR 2:020 (7). Disease Surveillance (HIV/AIDS). RELATES TO: KRS 211.180(1), 214.010, 214.645, 333.130 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 194A.050, 211.090(3), EO 2004-726

Section 7. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Surveillance.

- (1) Physicians and Medical Laboratories shall report:
 - (a) 1. A Positive test result for HIV infection including a result from:
 - a. Elisa:
 - b. Western Blot;
 - c. PCR;
 - d. HIV antigen; or
 - e. HIV culture:
 - 2. CD4+ assay including absolute CD4+ cell counts and CD4+%;
 - 3. HIV detectable Viral Load Assay; and
 - 4. A positive serologic test result for HIV infection; or
 - (b) A diagnosis of AIDS that meets the definitions of AIDS established within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and reported in the:
 - 1. "Adult HIV/AIDS Confidential Case Report Form"; or
 - 2. "Pediatric HIV/AIDS Confidential Case Report Form".
- (2) An HIV infection or AIDS diagnosis shall be reported within five (5) business days and, if possible, on the "Adult HIV/AIDS Confidential Case Report form" or the "Pediatric HIV/AIDS Confidential Case Report form".
 - (a) A report for a resident of Jefferson, Henry, Oldham, Bullitt, Shelby, Spencer, and Trimble Counties shall be submitted to the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program of the Louisville-Metro Health Department.
 - (b) A report for a resident of the remaining Kentucky counties shall be submitted to the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program of the Kentucky Department for Public Health, or as directed by the HIV/AIDS project coordinator.
- (3) A report for a person with HIV infection without a diagnosis of AIDS shall include the following information:
 - (a) The patient's full name;
 - (b) Date of birth, using the format MMDDYY; and
 - (c) Gender;
 - (d) Race:
 - (e) Risk factor, as identified by CDC;
 - (f) County of residence;
 - (g) Name of facility submitting report;
 - (h) Date and type of HIV test performed;
 - (i) Results of CD4+ cell counts and CD4+%;
 - (j) Results of viral load testing;
 - (k) PCR, HIV culture, HIV antigen, if performed;
 - (I) Results of TB testing, if available; and
 - (m) HIV status of the person's partner, spouse or children.
- (4) Reports of AIDS cases shall include the information in subsections (1) through (3) of this section; and
 - (a) The patient's complete address;
 - (b) Opportunistic infections diagnosed; and
 - (c) Date of onset of illness.
- (5) (a) Reports of AIDS shall be made whether or not the patient has been previously reported as having HIV infection.
 - (b) If the patient has not been previously reported as having HIV infection, the AIDS report shall also serve as the report of HIV infection.

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH KENTUCKY'S RYAN WHITE AND STATE-FUNDED SERVICES PROGRAMS



June 2008

Kentucky HIV Direct Services

Mission: To enhance access to and retention in primary health care and support services for qualifying Kentuckians (clients) living with HIV disease.

Goals of Kentucky HIV Direct Services

- 1. Client self sufficiency (to the extent possible) through good care plan monitoring and holistic support
- 2. Prevent duplication of health and support services among providers
- 3. Education about HIV disease transmission and health choices
- 4. Ongoing HIV disease education to the general and health care communities
- 5. Efficient and effective use of resources

Structure of Kentucky HIV Direct Services

Kentucky Care Coordination Program (KHCCP) - A network of regional sites by which clients may access quality primary health care and other support services in or near the communities in which they live. In order to access direct services in Kentucky, you must enroll in the KHCCP

Kentucky AIDS Drug Assistance Program (KADAP) - Provides clients with HIV/AIDS related medications

Kentucky Health Insurance Continuation Program (KHICP) – Assists clients with maintaining pre-existing private health insurance

Funding

Kentucky receives federal funding through the Ryan HIV/AIDS Treatment and Modernization Act of 2006, and also non-federal funds through the State of Kentucky

Eligibility Criteria (Proof required)

- Household income must be 300% or less of the current federal poverty level
- Total cash assets must be less than \$10,000
- Must be a resident of Kentucky
- Must be HIV positive
- You can not be eligible for similar assistance from another payer source

The overall intent of the services programs is to provide clients with a continuum of care utilizing existing community-based services to the greatest extent possible. See Kentucky's HIV Care Coordinator Regions >

Kentucky HIV Care Coordinator Regions

Barren River Region

Matthew 25

452 Old Corydon Road Henderson, KY 42420

(270) 826-0200 (877) 428-1231 fax: (270) 826-0212

1133 Adams Street Bowling Green, KY 42101

(270) 843-3331 fax: (270) 843-3353

611 Poplar St., Suite C12 Helmwood Plaza Elizabethtown, KY 42701

(270) 982-3881

Counties Covered:			
Allen	Hardin	Monroe	
Barren	Hart	Nelson	
Breckinridge	Henderson	Ohio	
Butler	Larue	Simpson	
Daviess	Logan	Union	
Edmonson	McLean	Warren	
Grayson	Marion	Washington	
Hancock	Meade	Webster	
	Metcalfe		

Cumberland Valley Region



Cumberland Valley District HD

103 Chera Lynn Lane London, KY 40741

(606) 864-3776 (888) 425-7282^{*}

fax: (606) 864-3732 * for client use only

Counties Covered:			
Adair	Jackson	Owsley	
Bell	Johnson	Perry	
Breathitt	Knott	Pike	
Casey	Knox	Pulaski	
Clay	Laurel	Rockcastle	
Clinton	Lee	Russell	
Cumberland	Leslie	Taylor	
Floyd	Letcher	Wayne	
Green	Magoffin	Whitley	
Harlan	Martin	Wolfe	
	McCreary		

Lexington Region

Bluegrass Care Clinic, UK

800 Rose St. MN 672 **UK Medical Center** Lexington, KY 40536 (859) 323-1694

ı	Counties Covered:		
ſ	Anderson	Fleming	Menifee
ı	Bath	Franklin	Mercer
ı	Bourbon	Garrard	Montgomery
ı	Boyd	Greenup	Morgan
ı	Boyle	Harrison	Nicholas
ı	Bracken	Jessamine	Powell
ı	Carter	Lawrence	Robertson
ı	Clark	Lewis	Rowan
ı	Elliott	Lincoln	Scott
ı	Estill	Madison	Woodford
ı	Fayette	Mason	



Volunteers of America

850 Barret Ave., Suite 302 Louisville, KY 40204 (502) 574-0161

	Counties Covered:		
Bullitt Henry	Jefferson Oldham Shelby	Spencer Trimble	



No. Ky Dist Health Department

2388 Grandview Drive Fort Mitchell, KY 41017 (859) 578-7660

fax: (859) 578-3689

Counties Covered:			
Boone	Gallatin	Kenton	
Campbell	Grant	Owen	
Carroll		Pendleton	



Heartland Cares, Inc.

619 N. 30th Street Paducah, KY 42001

(270) 444-8183 (877) 444-8183

fax: (270) 444-8147

Counties Covered:			
Ballard	Fulton	Lyon	
Caldwell	Graves	McCracken	
Calloway	Hickman	Marshall	
Carlisle	Hopkins	Muhlenberg	
Christian	Livingston	Todd	
Crittenden	-	Trigg	

COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING HIV PREVENTION SERVICES



Agencies funded in part with CDC Cooperative Agreement funds are indicated with the Kentucky AIDS logo:



American Red Cross (ARC) is located in nearly every county in Kentucky. The number of ARC employees range from one or two in the smaller communities to more than 300 in the Louisville Chapter. Budgets are also diverse, with smaller chapters having budgets of a few thousand dollars to in excess of a hundred thousand dollars in Lexington and Louisville. There is disparity in the provision of HIV/AIDS services among counties, with smaller. more rural counties believing that there is "no problem" in their community (thus no reason for services) to the larger, more urban chapters offering guite a range of services. HIV/AIDS services include the distribution of brochures, AIDS 101 training, peer training for adolescents, African American AIDS 101 training, Hispanic AIDS 101 training, rural and church leader AIDS 101 training, prison personnel training, and a program specifically entitled "AIDS in the Workplace" which is designated for businesses and industries. (502) 589-4450

AIDS Services Center Coalition (ASCC) is a coalition of agencies whose primary goal is to direct the public to appropriate AIDS service agencies, literature distribution, and provide a HIV/AIDS resource directory. The agency has an extensive volunteer network. (502) 574-5490

House of Ruth provides social, emotional and financial support to people living with HIV/AIDS in the Louisville/Jefferson County area. (502) 587-5080

WINGS Clinic located in Louisville is a Ryan White CARE Act Title III grantee. WINGS provides both clinical and support services for HIV/AIDS patients and their affected families. This clinic project provides primary and infectious disease care, adult and pediatric nutrition services, adult support groups, social services, legal services, family & mental health counseling, as well as liaisons to community services. 502-852-5203

Sisters and Brothers Surviving AIDS (SABSA) is a support group located in Louisville for all HIV positive people and their friends and family. SABSA provides education and emotional support specific to the needs of those living with HIV and more specifically to the needs of the African-American community. However, everyone is welcome regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, creed, religion or ethnic background. (502) 231-3871

AIDS Interfaith Ministries (AIM) of Louisville provides support services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families. (502) 574-6085

Matthew 25 AIDS Services, Inc. located in Henderson is a Ryan White CARE Act Title II, Title III and CDC Prevention PA04064 Grantee. They are a provider of primary health care to PWHIV and LWA, in Daviess, Henderson, Union and Webster counties. Services include medical case management and referral, a buddy program, literature, spiritual support and referral, financial assistance and referral, a speakers' bureau, support groups (positive, family and friends), transportation and prevention education for the community and medical professionals. Matthew 25 also distributes HOPWA funds and does counseling and testing for HIV (blood and oral testing). (270) 826-0200 www.matthew25clinic.org

AIDS Volunteers, Inc. (AVOL) located in Lexington, KY is a community-based organization that provides HIV and AIDS education, prevention initiatives, service programs and financial assistance to persons infected and affected by HIV disease in all of Central and Eastern Kentucky. Some of the services provided by AVOL include: a speakers' bureau, support groups, financial assistance, case management, transitional housing for those who are homeless and HIV+, a community residence for those in the end stages of AIDS, community outreach, condom distribution, educational programs and materials, and prevention activities. The agency employs 6 full-time staff members including an Executive Director, Volunteer/Community Outreach Coordinator, two Housing Program staff members, and a Director of Client Services who coordinates the Direct Client Services Program and the Chemical Dependency Assessment and Referral Program. Funding for AVOL comes from community donations, fund raisers and grants from private foundations, as well as local, state, and federal sources including HUD (HOPWA) and the United Way. Approximately 75-100 volunteers are consistently involved throughout the year for day to day

operations, programs and services, volunteer caregivers and fundraising events. Program referrals and linkages are through the health departments, other volunteer organizations and HIV Care Coordinators. (859) 225-3000; Fax (859) 225-9244; www.AIDSVolunteers.org.

AIDS Volunteers of Northern Kentucky (AVNK), located in Florence, KY was founded in 1990. AVNK seeks to understand and address the emotional, educational, social, spiritual and physical needs of the people in Northern Kentucky and surrounding communities who are living with HIV/AIDS, and the needs of their families, partners, friends and caregivers. AVNK strives to inform the general community about HIV/AIDS related issues for purposes of education, mobilization, prevention and advocacy. AVNK provides a number of services including three support groups, a monthly dinner/social, healing weekends, respite care, emergency financial assistance, memorial services, outreach to minority communities, World AIDS Day services and Healing Weekends. (859) 331-4719

AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati (AVOC) located in Cincinnati, OH is a community-based organization that provides a wide variety of services to individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and to the broader community, especially high-risk populations where HIV exposure is more likely. Although AVOC primarily serves Cincinnati and southwest Ohio, they offer many of their services to individuals and groups in Northern Kentucky. These services include community outreach, prevention and education presentations, street outreach to women in underserved communities, testing and counseling services, an informational and referral hotline and a speaker's bureau. (513) 421-AIDS (2437).

The I.N.D.Y (I'm Not Dead Yet) Project founded in 1994 serves Northern Kentucky. INDY is an organization dedicated to the enhancement of life for individuals affected by HIV and AIDS by providing social outlet in a variety of environments and frameworks with one basic goal in mind: having fun! Members and sponsors attend and host picnics, movie nights, dinners, camping trips, art events and parties. The group is dedicated to the proposition that through the joy of celebrating life there is hope and healing, and celebration is best engaged through groups of like minded individuals. (513) 343-9999.

University of Cincinnati Hospital, Holmes Clinic located in Cincinnati, Ohio is the Infectious Disease Center for the University of Cincinnati Hospital. Holmes Clinic provides medical services to individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and is funded primarily through Ryan White Title III funds. Holmes Clinic provides these services to individuals from several states, and a significant percentage of individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and living in Northern Kentucky use Holmes Clinic for their infectious disease care. In addition, Holmes Clinic conducts partner testing for patients of the clinic. (513) 584-6977.

The University of Cincinnati Emergency Room also has a grant to conduct HIV testing and counseling services with patients who are seen through the Emergency Room. This program targets high-risk individuals who receive their primary medical care through the Emergency Room. If an individual is diagnosed, a referral is made to Holmes Clinic. (513) 584-5700

Bluegrass Care Clinic (BCC), located in Lexington is a Ryan White CARE Act Title III grantee. The BCC provides both clinical and support services for HIV/AIDS patients and their affected families in 63 counties through Central and Eastern Kentucky. The BCC staff are trained to provide harm reduction information and counseling regarding drug use, sexual activity and other high risk activities for HIV transmission and infection. In addition, the BCC also provides pre/post test counseling and testing. (859) 323-5544; Fax: (859) 257-2040; www.mc.uky.edu/bluegrasscareclinic.

Moveable Feast (MFL) is a nutritional support program, serving people living with HIV disease and their dependent children living in the Lexington/Fayette County area. Clients receive social support and a hot, freshly cooked dinner five days a week. MFL can also serve as a referral source to other ASOs in the region. All services are completely free of charge. (859) 252-2867; www.feastlex.org.

Episcopal Diocese AIDS Ministry, located in Lexington, provides care and support through bi-annual social dinners. All meals and additional limited supportive services are provided free of charge. The Episcopal Diocese AIDS Ministry can also serve as a referral source/linkage for other ASOs in the region. Contact: Lisa – lisainky@adelphia.net.

The Salvation Army of Central Kentucky, located in Lexington, operates a free medical clinic. The medical clinic, operated by the University Kentucky's College of Medicine, provides exams and physical therapy, and HIV pre/post test counseling and testing. (859) 252-7706

Owensboro Area HIV/AIDS Task Force, Inc. is a non-profit CBO funded by donations. This agency serves its clients with emergency financial assistance, transitional housing, and acts as an advocate with property owners, utility companies, Social Security, HOPWA and other community service agencies. Volunteers also provide community outreach services with HIV prevention and risk reduction programs to targeted populations and various communities, medical professionals and local organizations. The Task Force dispenses printed risk reduction materials, condoms (male and female), dental dams, needle cleaning kits and crack pipe cleaning kits. The Task Force also goes into public sex environments (PSE) offering similar services, as well as HIV testing. Members of the Task Force are state certified pre and post-test counselors as well as certified to administer OraSure for HIV testing. Members are also certified to inspect potential housing for clients wishing to obtain HOPWA funding. The Task Force is a certified partner of the Balm in Gilead. A support group for PWHIV is in place. They act as a referral source to all the available assistance programs for clients. The Task Force has some HIV positive members who have made presentations at several high schools, a program describing the emotional, physical and financial stresses of being HIV positive. (270) 683-6018 www.owensboroaids.org

Heartland CARES, Inc., located in Paducah is a non-profit organization, serving people with HIV and AIDS in the Western Kentucky and Southern Illinois regions. The mission is to provide various components of care needed for persons living with HIV and AIDS regardless of ethnicity, gender, religious, beliefs, sexual orientation, or ability to pay, and to provide education and prevention to the general public to help stop the spread of HIV and STDs. Medical services are primarily supported through Ryan White Title III funding. The clinic also has numerous supporting services, which include Ryan White Title II Care Coordinator Program, HOPWA Grant Emergency Assistance, Supportive Housing Grant Assistance, SAMHSA-CSAT Grant, HOPWA SPNS and HOME Grant. Heartland CARES houses the Western Kentucky Prevention Team that is responsible for HIV/AIDS prevention in 42 counties. (270) 444-8183

Volunteers of America, Inc. (VOA) in Louisville and Lexington provides HIV prevention education, focus groups, and risk reduction workshops to drug users, men, women, and youth at risk. The prevention services offered include pre-test and post-test counseling, factual information about reducing HIV risk factors associated with drug use and sexual behavior, alcoholism and drug abuse assessments, and referrals to HIV related and non-related resources as needed or by request. VOA in Louisville also provides an AIDS Housing Integration Project, which offers technical assistance to shelters, housing providers, and housing developers to help establish and implement new housing programs for homeless and low-income persons with HIV/AIDS. VOA in Louisville also holds the HIV Services' contract, and provides case management services for PWHIV. This includes intake and assessment, goal setting, conflict resolution, crisis intervention, referral to community services, emergency financial assistance, linkage to rental and utility assistance, entry into support groups, mental health and substance abuse counseling. (502) 635-1361

The AIDS Project, located in Louisville, provides HIV prevention, education and testing services. Programs include staff led volunteer outreach teams that go to local bars, community fairs and special events. Services include condom distribution, counseling and testing, and referrals while practicing harm reduction techniques. (502) 608-0586

North Central AHEC/HETC: The mission of the North Central AHEC is to promote healthy communities through innovative partnerships. This is accomplished by providing educational support services to health professions students and health care providers, community health education and programs to encourage health professions as a career choice.

In order to address HIV prevention in Kentucky's growing Hispanic community, the Kentucky DPH has identified agencies providing other services to our Hispanic population and provided capacity building assistance to help these agencies provide HIV prevention activities including HIV antibody testing.

North Central AHEC/HETC collaborates with Area Health Education Centers across the state who recruit individuals from Hispanic communities, provide training, and utilize them to conduct HIV prevention activities in their communities. AHECs in Lexington (covering 5 counties) and Covington (covering 4 counties) currently conduct outreach in Hispanic communities, provide HIV testing, and conduct two community level intervention (Juntos and Promotores de Salud). A third AHEC in Louisville conducts similar activities with African-American communities. North Central AHEC/HETC also collaborates with the Bluegrass Farmworker Health Center to provide additional outreach to migrant farm workers as well as testing.

The Lexington and Covington AHECs as well as the Bluegrass Farmworker Health Center have been extremely helpful in providing interpreters and assisting Hispanic clients receive services from other service providers who lack Spanish speaking employees.

Bluegrass Farmworker Health Center (BFHC): Located in Lexington and Richmond, KY, the BFHC serves a primarily migrant/ seasonal farmworker population among eight counties in Central Kentucky. The migrant health center's service area includes: Fayette, Scott, Bourbon, Clark, Madison, Garrard, Jessamine and Woodford counties. Spanish is the primary language of approximately 96% of the BFHC clients. The BFHC strives to optimize clients' health outcomes by providing affordable, culturally appropriate primary and preventive health care in settings that embrace the Hispanic culture and language. BFHC values: Client-centered care, client advocacy, excellent health care for clients, extensive client-centered referral and tracking system, optimal client outcomes, life long learning, fiscal responsibility, high degree of respect among staff members. The clinical and outreach staff are fluent in Spanish and English. Through a partnership with the DPH HIV/AIDS Branch, BFHC counselors and educators work with farm workers on the work site and in residences as well as utilize referrals to the actual clinic for medical needs including HIV/AIDS.

Hazard Perry County Community Ministries is located in Hazard. Their purpose is to meet community needs through supportive services (outreach and case management), crisis aid, homeless shelter, transitional housing and childcare. (606) 436-0051

Harlan Countians for a Health Community located in Baxter, is a coalition of healthcare providers, consumers, and other interested agencies whose purpose is to improve healthcare in Harlan County. (606) 573-6115

Westlake Primary Care, located in Columbia, provides information and educational AIDS material, prevention kits with condoms, confidential testing and pre and post-test counseling. 270-384-4764